Additional judicial benches of High Courts

†861. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by Government from state Governments regarding setting up of additional judicial benches of High Courts;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard, so far; and

(d) by when these benches are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The setting up of a Bench of a High Court away from its principal seat is considered on the receipt of a complete proposal from the concerned State Government with the consent of the Chief Justice of that High Court. The Government has received complete proposals for setting up Benches of the Madras High Court and the Calcutta High Court respectively. Accordingly, it is proposed to establish a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai and a Bench of the Calcutta High Court at Jalpaiguri, after infrastructural facilities like court buildings, accommodation for judges etc. are provided by the respective State Governments to the satisfaction of the High Court. Further, establishment of Benches of the High Courts involves Parliamentary legislation and, therefore, it is not feasible to indicate a time-frame in this regard.

Cases of power of Attorney pending for Registration

862. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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